

FRAUD DISCOVERED

Japanese Immigrants Well Provided With Coin.

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Japan Immigration Company's Position.

Deny Collusion With Laborers. Men Will be Sent Back. Government Action.

Two or three days ago Marshal Brown received information that the free Japanese immigrants to arrive by the Toya Maru would be loaned with the coin necessary to land in Honolulu. The information, while presumably from a reliable source, was not considered such that it could be acted upon without the matter being investigated.

When the vessel arrived the Japanese were placed in quarantine, and the usual questions put to those who had booked as free laborers. Of the 93 so mentioned 66 were found to have the required amount, and they promptly showed out their hands containing \$50 in American gold. Their manner and promptness was unusual, and the matter was reported to the Marshal, who immediately detailed C. A. Doyle and an intelligent Japanese to go to the quarantine station and investigate.

The result was that 41 of the free men admitted that the money they possessed had been furnished by some one on the Toya Maru, and that they were to return the amount as soon as they were allowed to leave the station.

A list of names was made out, and a report was made by Mr. Doyle to the Marshal, and in turn submitted to the Attorney-General. To still further verify the reports two officials of the Customs Service went over to the station, and after a careful inquiry, found 43 men and 10 females who could not land as free laborers and 24 men and 16 women who could. The former will be returned to Japan by the Toya Maru on Monday.

These people were all consigned to the Japan Immigration Company, of which Yenase & Co., corner Nuuanu and Queen streets, are the Japanese agents, and George E. Boardman, the foreign agent. Inquiry at the office of the company elicited no information; Mr. Boardman had gone up town, and the manager of the company denied emphatically knowing anything about it. The manager also stated that the manager of the company in Japan, who came as a passenger on the steamer, said he knew absolutely nothing about the matter. The opinion of Yenase & Co. was that the matter was one which merited investigation, as it was believed by them that it was spurious on the part of an opposition company that has found it difficult of late to secure any orders, and is jealous of the success of their new company.

Just what action the Government will take in the premises is not known, but it is rumored that the license will be revoked as was the case with Ogura & Co., the firm with which Mr. Boardman was formerly connected. The free laborers, however, do not come through the firm, and it is thought that only the steamship company will be held responsible, but as the officers of that are almost identical with the officers of the immigration company in Japan, the action of the Government may cut both ways.

In the matter of the Japanese who came on the Toya Maru and attempted to land with borrowed money, a meeting was held yesterday afternoon in the Attorney-General's office, at which Marshal Brown, George E. Boardman, two representatives of the Japan Immigration Company, and A. S. Humphries, their attorney, were present.

Nothing definite was arrived at as to any action against the immigration company, both parties requiring additional time for consideration, but the Attorney-General has notified the agents of the Toya Maru that the Japanese who were caught trying to land in violation of the law, would have to be returned on that vessel.

On Saturday morning at the quarantine station there was a continuation of the investigation into the matter of money put into the hands of certain Japanese who arrived in Honolulu on the steamer Toya Maru on November 10th, for the purpose of landing.

Marshal Brown, Deputy Collector General F. B. McStocker, Port Surveyor George Stratmeyer and Japanese Interpreter Chester A. Doyle were present.

The purpose, of course, was to question the Japanese regarding the possession of the \$50 which they showed upon arrival here.

In all there were 33 men and 10 women brought up before the investigators and questioned. All were rejected.

The investigation brought out the fact that the money had been obtained from the Japanese Immigration Company at Kobe, and that these Japanese had promised to return the money upon passing this port.

The remainder of the free passengers, of which there are 60 in all, said either that their money was their own

or that they had received it from some of their relatives.

The 49 rejected Japanese have hired Messrs. Humphries and Hartwell as their attorneys, and it is just probable that the steamer Toya Maru, booked to leave today, may await the outcome but this is hardly probable.

Upon investigation two days ago, all the Japanese, without exception, stated that the money had been given them by the Japanese Immigration Company at Kobe, but during Saturday's questioning some of these took back what they said, as has already been stated.

On Friday there was a conference in the Foreign Office between two representatives of the Japanese Immigration Company and Attorney General Smith, Marshal Brown, George E. Boardman, Attorney Humphries, Chester A. Doyle, this at the request of the immigration company, who desired to know the steps the Government were taking in the matter already referred to. They were informed by the Attorney General that the possession of the \$50 by the immigrants was not a bona-fide one, and that they would be sent back to Japan.

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